



LOWELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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TO: Dr. Joel Boyd, Superintendent of Schools
FROM: Latifah Phillips, Chief Equity and Engagement Officer
DATE: October 16, 2020
RE: Family Orientation Activities

The information in this memo is in response to the motion by Jackie Doherty:

Request the Superintendent prepare a report for the committee that provides information on the timeline, structure and activities re family orientation for the upcoming school year. The report should include specifics re remote learning flexibility and accountability measures to support student learning.

Each school conducted family orientations which were differentiated for in-person learning and remote learning. A presentation template was created by a few principals and central staff to ensure consistency in topics covered at the sessions. This template is attached to this memo. The schedule of Zoom sessions that took place by each school are listed at the end of this memo.

Also included in this memo are the webinars and resources that were provided from Central Office to support outgoing information for families. Jeffrey Pickette, Community Outreach Strategist, was instrumental in helping to compile the information relating to this motion.

Remote learning flexibility and accountability measures to support student learning are included in a presentation by Dr. Linus Guillory that was developed for presentation at a sub-committee meeting.

School Info Page

The purpose of this section of the district website is to give families quick access to information related to the 2020-2021 school year. Families can access it through the homepage of the district website.

Here is a link to info page: <https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/Page/4360>

It includes:

- [Important Updates](#)
- [Informational Videos](#)
- [Technology Resources](#)
- [Remote Learning Meal Service Schedule](#)
- [District Calendar](#)
- [Handbooks](#)
- [LPS Face Mask Policy](#)

- [Parent Form for In-Person Placement Consideration](#)
- [LPS Reopening Plan](#)

Back to School Video Updates

Short video updates on important back-to-school topics to help inform families.

Link to YouTube playlist:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLMaelTJPbOnoRfD2otnLHh7BcG1GvxGWI>

This link is posted on the homepage of the LPS website under district news, which means that it is also cross-posted on all homepages for each school. The link is also posted on the school information page on the district website. Links to individual videos and the playlist were also shared on social media.

Topics (date recorded)

- COVID-19 Plan for Fall Sports - October 2
- COVID Safety Update - September 29
- Technology - September 24
- Transportation - September 23
- Air Purifiers / COVID Data - September 22

Technology Help Videos

Short videos tutorials to help families with their LPS-issued devices.

Link to YouTube playlist:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLMaelTJPbOnqg1wViCAb6BaNyawoP3NMw>

These videos are posted under the technology resources page on the school information section of the website. They have also been shared on social media.

Topics:

- Improving Audio on Chromebooks
- Logging into the Chrome browser on a Mac
- Set Chrome as default browser on Macs
- Accessing Google Classroom
- Chromebook startup and navigation
- Logging into Clever
- Seesaw

Remote Learning & In-Person Learning Orientations

Following district-wide Zoom forums going over the reopening plan, individual schools held orientations for remote learners and in-person learners.

Individual schools shared links with families and the schedule was also shared on LPS website and social media. Please see schedules for these sessions on the following pages.

Back to School Orientation for Remote Learning

School	Orientation Date(s) and Time(s)
Adie	Tuesday, September 15 at 11am & 6pm
Bailey	Monday, September 14th at 10am & 6:30pm
Bartlett	Friday, September 11 at 1pm Monday, September 14 at 2:30pm Tuesday, September 15 at 6pm
BRIDGE	Thursday, September 10 at 1pm and 6pm
Butler	Wednesday, September 9 at 5:30pm (Grade 5) Thursday, September 10 at 6pm (Grades 6-8)
Cardinal	Tuesday, September 15 at 12pm Wednesday, September 16 at 6pm
Career Academy	Tuesday, September 15 at 1pm & 6pm
Daley	Thursday, September 10 at 1pm & 7pm
Greenhalge	Thursday, September 10 at 6pm Friday, September 11 at 10am
Laura Lee	Tuesday, September 15 at 11am & 6pm
LeBlanc	Tuesday, September 15 at 1pm & 5pm
Lincoln	Thursday, September 10 at 9am (Kindergarten), 10am (Grade 1), 11am (Grade 2), 12pm (Grade 3), 1pm (Grade 4) & 6pm (All Grades)
LHS	Grade 9 Wednesday, September 9 at 9:30am & 12pm Grades 10-12 Thursday, September 10 at 5pm & Friday, September 11 at 11:30am
McAuliffe	Thursday, September 10 at 12pm & 6pm
McAvinnue	Thursday, September 10 at 1pm & 6:30pm
Moody	Monday, September 14 at 10am & 6pm (Grades 1-4) Tuesday, September 15 at 10am & 6pm (Kindergarten)

Back to School Orientation for Remote Learning (Cont.)

School	Orientation Date(s) and Time(s)
Morey	Thursday, September 10 at 10am and 5pm
Murkland	Thursday, September 10 at 12pm and 6pm
Pawtucketville	Tuesday, September 8 at 7pm (Kindergarten) Wednesday, September 9 at 6:30pm (Grades K-2) Wednesday, September 9 at 7:30pm (Grades 3-4) Tuesday, September 15 at 7pm (Family Question & Answer Session)
Pyne Arts	Thursday, September 10 at 12pm & 6pm
Reilly	Thursday, September 10 at 1pm & 4pm
Robinson	Wednesday, September 9 at 2pm (Grades 5 & 6) Wednesday, September 9 at 4pm (Grades 7 & 8) Monday, September 14 at 6pm (All Grades)
Shaughnessy	Monday, September 14 at 1pm & 5pm
STEM	Tuesday, September 8 at 5:30pm Wednesday, September 9 at 5:30pm Thursday, September 10 at 5:30pm Friday, September 11 at 12pm
Stoklosa	Monday, September 14 at 5pm & Tuesday, September 15 at 5pm
Sullivan	Thursday, September 10 at 1pm & 6pm
Wang	Monday, September 14 at 6pm (All Grades) Tuesday, September 15 at 1:30pm (by Grade/Team/Classroom) Wednesday, September 16 at 10am (by Grade/Team/Classroom)
Washington	Monday, September 14 at 12pm & Tuesday, September 15 at 5pm

Back to School Orientation for In-Person Learning

School	Orientation Date(s) and Time(s)
Adie	Merging in building w/remote, individual teacher sessions as well 9/15 11:00, 6:00
Bailey	9/15/ @ 6:30PM
Bartlett	9/16 @ tbd, but likely 1PM and 5PM
BRIDGE	9/16 1:00
Butler	9/14 @ 6:00pm
Cardinal	9/17 @ 6:00 PM
Career Academy	9/15 12:30 PM and 6:30 PM
Daley	9/15 at 5:00 PM
Greenhalge	9/14 @ 10, plus individual teacher sessions for their class
Laura Lee	Individual 1:1 meetings with parents and students 9/11, 9/14, 9/15, 9/16 8:00 am - 2:00 pm
LeBlanc	Tuesday, 9/15 @ 1:00
Lincoln	Monday September 14th at 2:00
LHS	Monday, September 14, 5pm Tuesday, September 15, Portuguese 430pm Tuesday, September 15 Khmer 5pm Tuesday, September 15, Spanish 530pm
McAuliffe	Friday, September 11 at Noon and 6pm
McAvinnue	Monday, September 14th at 1:00 PM and 6:30 PM

Back to School Orientation for In-Person Learning (Cont.)

School	Orientation Date(s) and Time(s)
Morey	9/14 @ 10am and 5pm
Murkland	9/15 @6:30 PM
Pawtucketville	9/15 @ 12:00 & 7:00 p.m.
Pyne Arts	9/10 12:00 and 6:00 PM
Reilly	9/16 @ 4:00
Robinson	9/15 at 5:00 PM
Shaughnessy	9/15 @ 5:00 PM
STEM	K-4: Monday, 9/14 @5:30 5-8: Monday, 9/14 @6:30
Sullivan	9/16 @ 6pm
Wang	Monday, 9/14 @ 12PM & 6PM
Washington	Tuesday, 9/14 @ 7pm